

Assignment TV

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Local reaction to the CBS documentary "Siteen in Webster Groves" casts suspicion on the network's reporting and leads one to believe that CBS warped many sequences to conform to its news department's "angle" on the youth of that community.

The youngsters themselves were mostly enraged, if one is to judge from the reactions of 147 students of Webster High School as reported in the St. Louis Globe Democrat.

The opening shot of the documentary and the announcer's commentary which accompanied it set off a reaction among the suburb's young people that ranged from fury to disgust. The camera showed a procession of unnaturally somber youngsters as newsman Charles Kuralt intoned:

"Why are they so sad, these children of privilege. Was something missing? ..."

"Indeed there was," observed St. Louis reporter Clarissa Start, who lives in Webster Groves. "Something was indeed missing at that precise moment—a much loved, dead classmate."

CBS made the film during a memorial service for a dear friend of theirs who had died on a camping trip they had all been on last summer. Kuralt did not mention this. In my estimation such a distortion casts a suspicion over every news documentary produced by the CBS News Department.

THE STUDENTS were particularly distressed over the implicit statements of discrimination against Negroes except as athletes. This is untrue. "The high school recently had a Negro as its Campus King and this year had a Negro candidate for Yearbook Queen. Negro students are on both the Student Council and on the Guidance Council as well as serving as homeroom and club officers," writes Patricia Corrigan, a student at Webster Groves High.

Another error — either intentional or not — concerned the CBS statement that Mrs. Condon's dancing and deportment class was "exclusive." Students and adults alike felt that CBS was unfair in showing only the suburb's "man-dons" instead of its tree-lined streets and rambling frame houses.

PRODUCER Arthur Barron was challenged directly by reporter Start, who had interviewed him during the shooting of the film. "We invited CBS to meet the 16-year-olds in the church class my husband and I teach—a wonderful, bright, idealistic and good-looking group. Barron did meet some of the parents at our house where he heard opinions expressed quite unlike those that were presented on the show."

"I'm also sorry CBS chose to ignore Eden Seminary and Webster College, two institutions which affect the tone of Webster. Barron taped a talk with Sister Jacqueline, a high school graduation speaker, and he told me it was 'probably the best TV interview he had ever heard.' Too bad he allowed 'the best' to end up on the cutting room floor."

Barron was even accused of making up the tags "Normie," "Wierdo" and "Fringe" which he credited to the students. To conclude her criticism of "slandered journalism" reporter Start added: "By the way, how was the color photography? In that 'affluent suburb' of 'status symbolism' we don't know anyone with a color set."

Area Dealers Feature Eye-Level Gas Ranges

WOW! The "eyes" have it. And they'll be gleefully gazing at appliance customers throughout the southland beginning this month, announcing a modern line of gas ranges — the sleek eye-levels.

From now through May 15 most dealers will display myriad styles and models of the eye-level ranges and ovens, a line designed to brighten a lackluster kitchen by replacing old, free-standing models, and giving the appearance of a built-in appliance. Leo Rollans, northwest division sales manager for the gas company, said:

Some innovations include a broiler that can be lowered at the touch of a control, a triple-insulated oven for maximum heat retention which doubles as a kitchen warmer complete with thermostat.

Other eye-level features are low-temperature controls, "programmed" cooking, temperature-controlled top burners, and the "burner with the brain."

Signaling eye-level selections, with either an oven on top, or on top and below the burners, are a sequence of bright daisies, part of the displays that surround these appliances in all showrooms, inviting visitors to take a look.

SEEMINGLY live eyes in the center of each hobbing 10 we r above the appliance state: Wow, Eye-Level Gas Ranges Now.

A self-contained unit housing oven (or ovens) and range, the eye-level is the latest modern gas appliance tailored to the 1966 housewife. They offer a variety of decorator colors and occupy just 24 inches of floor space.

By placing this appliance into a former range space, homeowners achieve a remodeled effect at a minimum cost, Rollans said.

OFFERED by nearly all range manufacturers, the eye SERVICE HONORED

Twenty years of service with Arrowhead Puritas Waters was honored when Norman P. Rehffus of Redondo Beach was presented a gold and silver pin bearing a diamond and the company crest at an awards dinner. Rehffus is a bulk deliveryman.

Dr. Corwin Plans Easter Sunrise Rite

Easter Sunrise Services will be held on Sunday, April 10 in Redondo Beach City Park, it was announced today by President Carl L. Rogers of the sponsoring Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Rogers said the public is invited to the non-denominational services which start at 6 a.m. and conclude at 7 a.m. There is no charge, nor will a collection be made.

The Chamber president said chairman of the annual Easter program will be Dr. Alfred K. Corwin, chairman of the Chamber's religious activities committee.



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